ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 27, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments via email to FDIResearch@trade.gov. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Leo Kim at (202) 989–5979 or leo.kim@trade.gov or FDIResearch@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

SelectUSA, within the International Trade Administration, provides programs and services that focus on facilitating job-creating business investment into the United States and raising awareness of the critical role that economic development plays in the U.S. economy. These programs include information products, services, and trade events to potential foreign investors into the United States and to U.S.-based economic development organizations. To accomplish its mission effectively, SelectUSA requires detailed information from clients in order to provide resources and services that meet each specific client’s needs. This information collection item allows ITA to solicit clients’ interest for the use of ITA products, services, and trade events. To promote optimal use and effective response to client needs through ITA services and programs, we are requesting approval for this clearance package. Upon approval by OMB, ITA will use the approved information collection to collect client input by the use of multiple data collection methods, including Comment Cards (i.e., transactional-based surveys), web-enabled surveys sent via email, telephone interviews, automated telephone surveys, and in-person surveys via mobile devices/laptops/tablets at trade events/shows. The use of these multiple data collection methods is suggested solely to reduce the public burden in responding to requests for input. Without this information, ITA is unable to systematically determine the actual and relative levels of user needs for its programs and products/services and to provide clear, actionable insights for client use. This information will be used for strategic planning, allocation of resources, and stakeholder reporting.

II. Method of Collection

The International Trade Administration is seeking approval for the following data collection methods to provide flexibility in conducting customer intake surveys and to reduce the burden on respondents: (1) an email message delivering a hot link to a web enabled survey with an email reminder sent if the client does not respond to the survey within two weeks; (2) a telephone survey/interview; and (3) a web-enabled survey conducted in-person at trade shows/events via a laptop, tablet or mobile phone so participants can immediately respond without having to provide their email address.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625–XXXX.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Review: New information collection.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; and Federal government.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.
Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $50,000.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,
Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)’s Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee) will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

DATES: The VCAT will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, 9700 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, Maryland, 20850 with an option to participate via webinar. Please note admittance instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Shaw, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–1060, telephone number 240–446–6000. Ms. Shaw’s email address is stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act,
as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 et seq., notice is hereby given that the VCAT will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public. The VCAT is composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the NIST Director, eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on major programs at NIST. It will also include discussions on the NIST budget and administration priorities, an update on the NIST Safety Culture, and next steps for each of the three subcommittees: Subcommittee on Alignment of Manufacturing Efforts, Subcommittee on Visibility Improvement, and Subcommittee on Workforce Development Efforts, based on their previous recommendations to NIST. The agenda is subject to change if needed to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee’s business are invited to request a place on the agenda by no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 6, 2023 by contacting Stephanie Shaw at stephanie.shaw@nist.gov. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but, is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time and date for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST website at http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person or via webinar are invited to submit written statements to Stephanie Shaw at stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

For participants attending via webinar, please contact Ms. Shaw at stephanie.shaw@nist.gov for detailed instructions on how to join the webinar by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 6, 2023. For participants wishing to attend in person, please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to Stephanie Shaw, stephanie.shaw@nist.gov by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 6, 2023. For detailed information please contact Ms. Shaw at stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.


Alicia Chambers,
NIST Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Indirect Cost Rates for the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program for Fiscal Year 2020

AGENCY: Office of Response and Restoration (ORR), National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.


SUMMARY: NOAA’s Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP) is announcing new indirect cost rates for its component organizations involved in natural resource damage assessment and restoration activities for fiscal year (FY) 2020. The indirect cost rates for this fiscal year and date of implementation are provided in this notice. More information on these rates and the DARRP policy can be found at the DARRP website at www.darrp.noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaTonya Burgess, Deputy Director, NOAA Office of Response and Restoration, by phone at 206–491–1369 or by email at LaTonya.Burgess@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of the DARRP is to restore natural resource injuries caused by releases of hazardous substances or oil under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), and to support restoration of physical injuries to National Marine Sanctuary resources under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.). The DARRP consists of three component organizations: ORR within the National Ocean Service; the Restoration Center within the National Marine Fisheries Service; and the Office of the General Counsel Natural Resources Section (GCNRS). The DARRP conducts Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDAs) as a basis for recovering damages from responsible parties, and uses the funds recovered to restore injured natural resources.

Consistent with Federal accounting requirements, the DARRP is required to account for and report the full costs of its programs and activities. Further, the DARRP is authorized by law to recover reasonable costs of damage assessment and restoration activities under CERCLA, OPA, and the NMSA. Within the constraints of these legal provisions and their regulatory applications, the DARRP has the discretion to develop indirect cost rates for its component organizations and formulate policies on the recovery of indirect cost rates subject to its requirements.

The DARRP’s Indirect Cost Effort

In December 1998, the DARRP hired the public accounting firm Rubino & McGeehin, Chartered (R&M) to: evaluate the DARRP cost accounting system and allocation practices; recommend the appropriate indirect cost allocation methodology; and determine the indirect cost rates for the three organizations that comprise the DARRP. A Federal Register notice on R&M’s effort, their assessment of the DARRP’s cost accounting system and practice, and their determination regarding the most appropriate indirect cost methodology and rates for FYs 1993 through 1999 was published on December 7, 2000 (65 FR 76611).

R&M continued its assessment of DARRP’s indirect cost rate system and structure for FYs 2000 and 2001. A second Federal Register notice specifying the DARRP indirect rates for FYs 2000 and 2001 was published on December 2, 2002 (67 FR 71537).

In October 2002, DARRP hired the accounting firm of Cotton and Company LLP (Cotton) to review and certify DARRP costs incurred on cases for purposes of cost recovery and to develop indirect rates for FY 2002 and subsequent years. As in the prior years, Cotton concluded that the cost accounting system and allocation practices of the DARRP component organizations are consistent with